

GRAY CALLS MEETING OF BRITISH MINISTERS TO HEAR U. S. PROTEST

BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY WILL GIVE CLOSE ATTENTION TO NOTE OF AMERICAN GOVERNMENT.

CHECK GERMAN ARMIES

London Reports Insist That Russians Have Battled Invaders to a Standstill, Inflicting Heavy Losses at Bzura River.

The British foreign office has under consideration today the communication from the Russian government regarding the possible searching and detention of American ships suspected of carrying contraband of war. With the return to London of Foreign Secretary Gray, the British authorities began the framing of a reply concerning the character of which no intimation was given. The belief was expressed generally that a way would be found to settle the situation without serious friction.

German victories in the east are announced by the Berlin war office, whose statement was in direct contrast with recent dispatches from Petrograd. It is asserted that Russian cavalry which invaded East Prussia has been driven back to a point four miles from the border. In Poland, according to the Berlin statement, the German advance continues and it is said that Osterode and Lowitz were captured nearly a week ago.

Referring to the situation west, the German war office confirms a French statement of yesterday that the allies have captured the Belgian town of St. Georges.

The French official communication asserts that further progress has been made in Belgium, including the capture of an important German position. Russian assertions that an important victory has been won over the Germans in Galicia were confirmed today in an official statement in which the admission is made that the Austrians were compelled to retreat along the Carpathians.

The note of the American government has been received in London and it is likely to occupy the attention of the ministry for a considerable time. In the meanwhile it is understood that Walter R. Page, American minister here, has been notified of the situation and is endeavoring to clarify the question with Foreign Secretary Gray.

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PREPARE DENIAL TO GERMAN GRIEVANCE

State Department Expected to Refute Charges That Americans Are Making Soft-Necked Bullets.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The state department's reply to the charge of the German ambassador, Count Von Bernstorff, that American bullets were being supplied to the allies, will be made in a few days and probably will refute the charge.

The department's investigators have reported that the sample of dum dum bullets submitted by the German ambassador has been made in the United States, would not fit any rifle being used by the allies.

An American diplomat just back from Europe reports he found no ground for charges that Belgians have been mutilated by German soldiers.

ORDER U. S. TROOPS TO LEAVE COLORADO

Forces Stationed at Scene of Strike Disorder Since Last May Will Be Withdrawn.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Troop L of the 12th United States cavalry on patrol duty in the Oak Creek district, Rout County, Colorado, since last May, will be ordered to return to its home state at Fort Meade, South Dakota.

Orders for the gradual withdrawal of the other federal troops sent to Colorado to quell the mining disorders are in preparation. The gradual withdrawal of the federal troops is in accordance with the plans considered at a recent conference between President Wilson, Secretary of War Woodrow Wilson, and Governor Ammons of Colorado.

The main strength of the federal troops in the Trinidad district where Colonel Lockett has the 11th cavalry from Fort Olathe, Georgia, as well as the second regiment of the 12th cavalry from Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, Troop B and C of the 12th cavalry are at Canon City, while the machine platoon of the 12th cavalry is at Pueblo.

The actual time for the withdrawal of all the organizations will be determined at a conference with Governor Ammons, but orders have been issued for all to be ready to leave the state at any time.

SMALLPOX EPIDEMIC UNDER SURVEILLANCE

State Health Inspectors Are Sent to Fond du Lac County to Prevent Spread of Disease.

Madison, Wis., Dec. 30.—Owing to a small outbreak of smallpox at Fond du Lac, Wis., one of the deputy state health officers has been sent there to look into the situation. Some twelve or fifteen persons in the town of Fond du Lac are reported to have been infected with the disease.

The reports indicate that not many of the people in the community have been vaccinated and this occasion may be quickly wiped out. Dr. C. A. B. Jones, state health officer, received a report today saying that all infected families had been quarantined.

COMMISSION DENIES REQUEST OF ROADS

Will Not Allow Proposal to Increase Minimum Weight of Shipment of Packing House Products.

Washington, Dec. 30.—The interstate commerce commission today declined to approve a proposal of the National Packing House Association to increase the minimum weight of shipment of fresh meat, packing house products and other food commodities in peddle cars from 100 to 1200 pounds.

The commission's decision is based on the fact that the practice of stopping cars in transit to complete loading or for the partial unloading of livestock and other commodities is a violation of the interstate commerce commission to be reasonable. The order suspending the practice of stopping cars in transit is being provided for by the commission of the privilege, was vacated, effective January 5.

Rome receives no other news regarding the death of Italian hero's grandson.—Bad Communication.

Rome, Italy, Dec. 30.—No further details have been received in Rome of the death in France of Lieutenant Bruno Garibaldi, grandson of the Italian hero.

The difficulties of the telegraphic communication with France are to blame. From the first dispatches received it appears that Lieutenant Garibaldi was wounded when the Italian hero was killed. He was given first aid, and then returned to the head of his soldiers. While urging his men in the pursuit of the Germans the young Italian was struck a second time. With his head he urged his soldiers forward, and then died.

SPECIAL HONOR SHOWN THE ITALIAN PREMIER

Rome, Dec. 30.—King Victor Emmanuel has decorated Premier Salandra with the order of the Italian decoration, the highest Italian decoration, which entitles the bearer to call himself a cousin of the king. The king decorated the premier during the ceremony of baptism of the newly born Princess Maria. He spoke warmly of the services rendered to the state by the premier.

HUMAN BEINGS MAY BECOME INFECTED

May Easily Contract Foot and Mouth Disease Says State Health Department Bulletin.

Madison, Wis., Dec. 30.—"Human beings contract foot-and-mouth disease by actual contact with infected animals or other infected media, not uncommonly from infected milk used raw."

This was the warning issued by the state health department in its quarterly bulletin. The statement is based on the fact that the disease is caused by a virus which is found in the saliva of infected animals, and is easily transmitted to human beings.

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INCOME TAX PROVES A FEEBLE STATUTE

T. B. Adams, Wisconsin Tax Commissioner, Gives Views on Federal Income Tax Law.

Princeton, N. J., Dec. 30.—The federal tax, for which only \$57,588,000 was received last year, is reaching directly less than one-half of one per cent. of the population, promotes class conflict and public uneasiness, and is a feeble instrument with which to reduce swollen fortunes, in the opinion of T. B. Adams, member of the Wisconsin State Tax Commission in an address before the American Tax Association here.

Mr. Adams spoke on "The Effect of Income and Inheritance Taxes on the Distribution of Wealth."

The present federal income tax is a class tax and class taxes breed extravagance," he said. "It deserves approval from almost every other standpoint, but in this respect it is a failure. Income taxes should not be levied upon the poor but they should be levied upon the rich, i. e., upon everyone with income exceeding the amount required by the American standard of living. An income tax falling on all the rich so defined, would be the most potent instrument procurable for inspiring and maintaining an effective interest in the conduct of government."

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TWELVE THOUSAND DOLLAR FIRE AT OLD MILTON TODAY THREATENED ENTIRE TOWN

HITS STATE RIGHTS ARGUMENT OF "DRYS"

Kansas Governor Tells College Men That Human Rights Demand Suppression of Liquor.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 30.—State rights is one of the tamer arguments that can be offered in opposition to national prohibition, according to George H. Hodges, governor of Kansas, who spoke before the national convention of the Inter-Collegiate Prohibition Association here today.

"The proposition that national prohibition is contrary to the letter and spirit of our government sounds like the slavery arguments years ago," he said. "Human rights and the welfare of humanity must be given preference in settling any moral question. State rights is the only excuse offered against giving the colored race their freedom. State rights at that time was the stumbling block that prevented the nation from abolishing slavery."

"State rights must not be permitted to interfere with the progress of human rights, or moral rights, or constructive citizenship. State rights is a large contention when balanced against the rights of the mother and the family and the nation, and the only way to bring better conditions to the human race."

Governor Hodges pointed out that the only objection offered to the prohibition of liquor is that it is a political liability—a parasite business.

"No intelligent person defends the liquor traffic on moral grounds," he said. "A saloon license is the most expensive revenue a state can collect. Formerly liquor in Kansas caused taxpayers to pay out more money for protection than they received in return. It was a business that was a curse to the state."

The flames spread with such rapidity that within a few minutes the town was in flames. The fire department and they were ready to respond when it was decided the services were not needed and the message was sent to the fire department.

It was the largest fire that Milton has ever had, and for a time it looked as though the whole business interests were to be wiped out. The stores in danger were the College Inn, which it had caught fire, would have communicated to the other buildings on Main street and the fire could not have been stopped.

A call was sent for the Janesville fire department and they were ready to respond when it was decided the services were not needed and the message was sent to the fire department.

The two hand engines of the Old Town and the Janesville were worked to their capacity and did good service, but it was the bucket brigade that did the work and actually prevented the flames from spreading. The business houses destroyed have already found new locations, and are continuing their business.

WOULD RATHER SMOKE THAN GO TO MOVIES.

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WILL DISCARD RED SUITS OF SOLDIERS

Historic Red Pantaloons of French Infantrymen to be Done Away With for Blue-Gray Suits.

(Correspondence of The A. P.)
Paris, Dec. 29.—The sale of the new French army uniforms, supplied to men who became eligible to service this year, suggests the death knell of the red pantaloons.
The red pantaloons, worn long in France, have been discarded by the new recruits, and in place of them the blue-gray suits of the French army have been adopted. The new uniforms, which are supplied to the new recruits, are of a blue-gray color, and are of a simple design. The red pantaloons, which were worn by the French army for many years, are now being discarded. The new uniforms, which are of a blue-gray color, are being supplied to the new recruits. The red pantaloons, which were worn by the French army for many years, are now being discarded. The new uniforms, which are of a blue-gray color, are being supplied to the new recruits.

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FINDS BALLOT LAW HAS BEEN VIOLATED

DECISION OF MILWAUKEE JURIST CONCERNS ACTIVITIES OF HOME RULE LEAGUE.

NO ACTION PROBABLE

Inquiry Not Limited to Determining Violations of Corrupt Practices Act by Individuals Who Were Candidates.

Chapter 80 of the corrupt practices law was violated during the recent state election campaign by certain persons who sought to influence the voters in favor of the constitutional amendment, according to a decision rendered by Judge J. J. Connelley, who presided over the trial of the "John Doe" case, which came to an end Monday afternoon.

The investigation was understood to be especially directed against the Wisconsin Home Rule and Taxpayers' league which did considerable work in the campaign at both the primary and general election. Officers of the league declined to make a statement in regard to the Milwaukee judge's findings.

No Action Probable.
"In the opinion of the court, the necessity of the issuance of criminal process at this time is not prepared to make a public finding," says the judge's written report.

The judge's findings follow:
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RULES THAT CUTTER IS NEVER A SLEIGH

Local Manufacturing Concern Gets Opinion from Attorney General on Sleigh Law.

Attorney General Owen has ruled that a cutter is not a sleigh. In consequence, the Wisconsin Carriage company, which city officers of which are now considering a bill to prohibit the use of cutters in the city streets, will not be affected by the law passed in 1913, which prohibits the use of sleighs in the city streets. The bill, which was introduced by Representative J. J. Connelley, and which was passed by the legislature in 1913, prohibits the use of sleighs in the city streets. The bill, which was introduced by Representative J. J. Connelley, and which was passed by the legislature in 1913, prohibits the use of sleighs in the city streets.

According to Owen's interpretation of the law, it was calculated merely the number of the major sleighs or sleighs, such as are used for heavy hauling. Light sleighs commonly known as cutters, he explained, were exempt.

Any act can be learned by persons familiar with the sleigh trade in this city, there have been no manufacturers who have taken steps to turn out cutters in the city streets. The bill, which was introduced by Representative J. J. Connelley, and which was passed by the legislature in 1913, prohibits the use of sleighs in the city streets.

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LIVE PORK PRICES DECLINE TEN CENTS

Heavy Receipts for All Grades of Stock Responsible for Weak Trade and Slow Demand.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Trade in live stock was slow and inactive today as the result of heavy receipts. 55,000 head of hogs were offered and prices promptly declined five and ten cents. Cattle and sheep were also offered and prices declined ten cents. The market was weak and prices were slow to move.

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JUNIORS WILL PLAY ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

Y. M. C. A. Teams in A. and B. Sections to Meet for Title at Gymnasium Friday Morning.

There will be basketball games at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium on New Year's morning between teams in the A and B division of the Junior department. The teams are already playing off games to determine which two teams will meet in each division Friday morning. There are four teams in each section. The teams are: A. 1, A. 2, A. 3, and A. 4. B. 1, B. 2, B. 3, and B. 4. The games will be played Friday morning, beginning at ten o'clock.

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We have some beautiful Hawkes creations—some very simple indeed, others of exquisite richness—all practical and irresistibly interesting.

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Optometrist.
Office, Badger Drug Co.

Specialist in Examination of Eyes and Fitting of Glasses. Crossed Eyes Straightened by Prismatic and Muscular Exercises. No case so difficult for me to treat. Bring your children to me. No drugs.

TEN THOUSAND BOY SCOUTS SERVING IN BRITISH ARMY.
(Correspondence of The A. P.)
London, Dec. 30.—There are now over 10,000 old Boy Scouts serving in the British army at the front and making splendid soldiers, says General Baden-Powell, chief of the organization. The general has just returned from a tour of inspection to the front. He found the boys giving one week to the army and an alternate week to their schools. A significant announcement is the opening of the Scout's Defense Force to boys of 16, which would give them a year of training, it is said, in case the age of enlistment to the army is lowered to fifteen years.

Simpson's
GARMENT STORE.

THE BLUE PENCIL SALE
IS DRAWING THE CROWDS BECAUSE OF THE SENSATIONAL PRICE REDUCTIONS ON ALL APPAREL FOR WOMEN. DON'T WAIT. COME TOMORROW MORNING.

Winter Coats Are Greatly Reduced
\$7.45 is the price marked on choice coats of this season which run as high as \$22.50 in value.

\$12.50 At this price are coats worth up to \$30.00. You were never offered better values.

\$5.00 These coats are in the smaller sizes but are of the latest styles. Will make an ideal coat for the school girl who wants something nice.

Any Suit in the Store at \$10.50
Values to \$40.00.

Silk petticoats n all colors.
Messaline, some with jersey top. \$1.50
Silk and crepe de chine waists, \$2.50 and \$3.50 values; special \$1.98 at \$1.79c
White cotton waists, \$1.50 and \$2.25 values, special. 79c

Fur Sets and Separate Muffs at About HALF-PRICE
New stylish skirts in serges, poplin, broad cloth and novelties. \$3.95

Afternoon, Street and Evening Dresses
Greater values than we have ever offered.
\$8.87 \$16.75
Street Dresses in silk and wool. Values to \$17.50. Beautiful dresses reflecting fashion's most popular styles. Values to \$35.00.

\$11.75 \$4.95
Dresses for street and afternoon wear. All this season's models. Values to \$25.00.

SEVERE RHEUMATIC PAINS DISAPPEAR
Rheumatism depends on an acid in the blood, which affects the muscles and joints, producing inflammation, stiffness and pain. This acid gets into the blood through some defect in the digestive process. Hood's Sarsaparilla, the old-time blood tonic, is very successful in the treatment of rheumatism. It acts directly, with purifying effect, on the blood, and improves the digestion. Don't suffer. Get Hood's today.

I'm Getting So I Can Hardly Eat Anything Anymore

As said a patient just now, he had been having his teeth extracted all these years, instead of having them saved. Don't you neglect yours and come to the same place of misery through stomach trouble.

Good Dental Work saves teeth. A dentist who does just that kind of work.

DR. F. T. RICHARDS

(Over Rehberg's.)

All work fully guaranteed.

The Best New Year's Resolution

Relates to a Savings Account because a resolution like that includes most of the good resolutions we are apt to have in mind on New Year's.

Practically all of the bad habits that we would like to put behind us involve extravagance of some kind.

Start a Savings Account and Keep It Up and give yourself the right start for 1915.

The First National Bank

Established 1865.

F. R. LITTLEMAN, M. D.

Practice limited to Diseases of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat. Suit 322 and 323 Hayes Block. Both Phones.

Victrolas



Spend your Xmas money for Victrolas. Victrolas \$15 to \$250 at C. W. DIEHL'S

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

At noon today, left hand lined glove, cuff, and Milwaukee. Phone Black 602. W. J. Jones. 28-12-30-11.

Price \$1.00. Single cylinder motor, good condition and cheap; may be seen at Flower Shop.

57-12-30-11.

LOCAL BRIEF ITEMS.

The Gazette's review Number for 1914 comes out Thursday, Dec. 31st. Extra will be sent to subscribers who have not ordered now. Price 50c per copy. Phone 772 rings—other line.

Members of Lodge No. 60 L. O. O. F. and Lodge No. 171 of Holbrook, with their families, will be guests at the holiday entertainment of the organization to be held at West Side L. O. O. F. hall Thursday, 8 p. m. Dec. 31. Santa Claus for the children.

COMFORTABLE COMFORTERS

We sure and see the extraordinary feelings The Big Store is making in comforters, one large size, very heavy, \$1.30; others at \$1.00, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00. See special window display. J. M. BORTWICK & SONS.

NOTICE

The tax roll for the Town of Bradenton is now in the office of the Citizens Bank, Clinton, Jan. 15th and 20th; Fairfield, Jan. 22nd.

Dated Dec. 20th, 1914. A. DODGE, Treas.

ATTENDED BANQUET OF STATE OIL DISTRIBUTORS

L. A. Haddock, local distributor of the Standard Oil company's products, returned this morning from Milwaukee where the annual meeting and banquet of the state oil distributors was held at the Hotel. Two hundred and fifty managers and agents were present at the banquet at 8:30 last night from all parts of the state. Addressed were by R. L. Collins, former state manager, and W. W. Nicholas, president of the Standard Oil company. The latter has been with the company for the past thirty-five years. Only one of the company's agents with the Standard Oil company for twenty years were eligible to be present.

ROCK PRAIRIE

Rock Prairie, Dec. 30.—Services will be resumed next Sunday at the P. C. church. Rev. and Mrs. Love are expected home tonight after spending the holidays in North Carolina.

R. K. OVERTON NAMED TO ATTEND CONVENTION

R. K. Overton of the town of La Prairie has been appointed by Governor McKewen to attend the Wisconsin convention which will be held at San Francisco on August 8 and 9. The meeting is a national convocation of representatives from every state in the union. Mr. Overton is a member of the county board and is recognized as an up-to-date farmer.

FELL THREE FLIGHTS AND ESCAPED INJURY

Arthur Dizer, 436 Madison Street, Has Miraculous Escape in Chicago Building Recently.

The escape of Arthur Dizer, 436 Madison Street, from the third floor of the Chicago Building recently, was a miracle. The man, who is a Chicago native, fell three flights and escaped with only slight bruises and a life-line in his hand. The man, who has been home for several days, his employers deeming it right that he should have a vacation after such a narrow and almost impossible escape.

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PERSONAL MENTION

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LETTER SHOWS GRANT GUILTY OF BURGLARY

According to information received by Chief of Police P. D. Champion from C. A. Murphy, head of the Department of Public Safety at Toledo, Ohio, Grant had been indicted for burglary. Chief Murphy, in his letter to the Milwaukee department, stated that Grant had been indicted for burglary. Chief Murphy, in his letter to the Milwaukee department, stated that Grant had been indicted for burglary.

MOOSE BAND TO PLAY THURSDAY AT TREE

Trinity Church Choir Will Also Furnish Vocal Selections Between Five and Six.

On Thursday afternoon, between five and six, the community Christmas tree located on the corner of Exchange and Second streets will be illuminated and the Moose band will play various selections. The vocal music will be furnished by the members of Trinity Episcopal church choir who are especially prepared for the occasion.

JUDGE FIELD ATTENDS COUNTY JUDGES' MEETING

Judge Charles L. Field of the Rock County probate court is in Milwaukee attending the convention of the Wisconsin County Judges' association, which opened its biennial session at the hotel today.

NOTICE, HARMONY TAXPAYERS

Will be at Sheldon's hardware store on Saturday, January 2nd, 1915, at 10 o'clock a. m. in Milwaukee.

Golden Palace Flour \$1.75 Sk.

Mother's Best Flour \$1.55 Sk.

19 Lbs. Pure Granulated Sugar \$1.

Thursday and Saturday Specials.

We are open Thursday night Johnson's Pure Sweet Cider 25c gal.

Fancy Navel and Florida Oranges 25c to 40c doz.

Baldwin's, Spies, King and Greening Apples.

Large Grape Fruit 60c doz.

Fancy Nuts and Candies for New Year's.

Cluster Raisins and Stuffed Dates.

Savory brand Pineapple 15c and 25c can.

Fancy Table Peaches 20c can.

Pitted Red Cherries 18c can.

4 cans Corn 25c.

3 cans Peas, Tomatoes or Pumpkin 25c.

Brookfield Brand Pork Sausage 22c lb.

3 cans Snider's or Van Camp's Beans 25c.

4 lbs. Ginger Snaps 25c.

C. L. GUMS & CO.

24 N. Main St.

Bell Phone, 80, 61.

Rock Co. 647, 626.

QUOTES ORDINANCE ON CLEANING WALKS

Thirty-five Notices Sent Out to Property Owners Warning Them to Keep Sidewalks Clear.

Thirty-five notices for property owners to clean sidewalks were sent out this morning by the city commissioner, and means will be taken to enforce the ordinance, which reads as follows: "Every occupant of a lot and every owner of an unoccupied lot, having a sidewalk or sidewalks in front of the same, shall keep such walks and the adjacent sidewalk and the city walks connecting therewith, as free from snow and ice as may be reasonably practicable."

Because of the heavy snow fall during the last week the street department has been somewhat handicapped in caring for the walks and streets. At an early hour each morning crews have been assigned to clear the sidewalks of the main residential streets.

Because of the heavy, slushy snow much trouble has been experienced in handling the walks' snow and slow progress has been made. The city has been well taken care of by the street department.

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Commissioner Goodman also requested several building owners and occupants to knock down all icicles that hang from their eaves and endanger pedestrians. On several buildings the icicles have reached a large size and serious injury would result if one of them fell on a passer-by. Besides this danger the melting of the icicles which is also dangerous. The street employees will spread sand on the walks.

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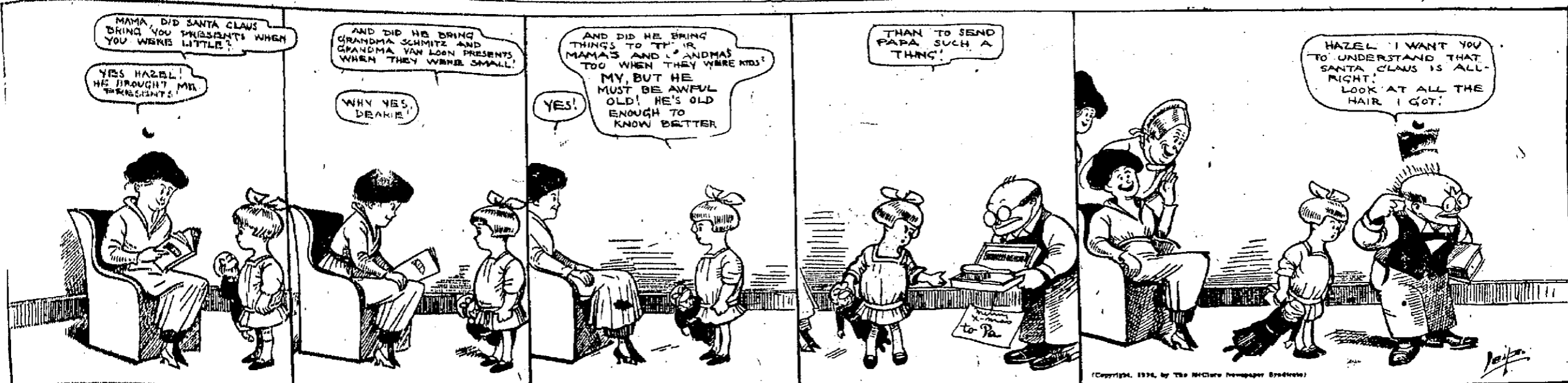
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THE OUTCASTS OF POKER FLAT

By BRET HARTE



Twenty-four famous authors were asked recently to name the best short story in the English language. Richard Harding Davis and Wallace Irwin named "The Outcasts of Poker Flat," by Bret Harte, whose complete works are published by the Houghton-Mifflin Company.

He started to his feet with the intention of awakening the sleepers, for there was no time to lose. But, turning to where Uncle Billy had been lying, he found him gone. A suspicion seized to his brain and a crime to his lips. He ran to the spot where the bodies had been there. They were no longer there. The tracks were already rapidly disappearing in the snow. The momentary excitement brought Mr. Oakhurst back to the fire with his usual calm. He did not waken the sleepers. The innocent slumbered peacefully, with a smile on his good natured, freckled face; the virgin Pines slept beside her trapper sisters as sweetly as though attended by celestial guardians, and Mr. Oakhurst, drawing his blanket over his shoulders, stroked his mustache and waited for the dawn. It came slowly in a whirling mist of snowflakes that dazzled and confused the eye. What could be seen of the landscape appeared magically changed. He looked over the valley and summed up the present and future in two words: "snowed in!"

A careful inventory of the provisions, which fortunately for the party, had been stored within the hut and so escaped the felonious fingers of Uncle Billy, disclosed the fact that with care and prudence they might last ten days longer. "That is," said Mr. Oakhurst, "that is," said Mr. Oakhurst, "if you're willing to board us. If you ain't—well, maybe you'd better not—you can wait. Uncle Billy gets back with provisions." For some occult reason Mr. Oakhurst could not bring himself to disclose Uncle Billy's rascality and so ignored the hypothesis that he had wandered from the camp and had accidentally stumbled the animals. He dropped a warning to the Duchess and Mother Shipton, who, of course, knew the facts of their associate's defection. "They'll find out the truth about us all when they find out anything," he added significantly, "and there's no good attending them now."

Mr. Oakhurst not only put all his worldly store at the disposal of Mr. Oakhurst, but seemed to enjoy the prospect of their enforced seclusion. "Well, have a good camp for a week, and then the snow'll melt, and we'll all go back together." The cheerful gaze of the young man and Mr. Oakhurst's calm infected the others. The innocent, with the aid of pine boughs, contrived a perch for the roofless cabin, and the Duchess directed Pinoy in the rearrangement of the interior with a taste and tact that opened the eyes of that provincial maiden to their fullest extent. "If we can now turn to the fine things at Poker Flat," said Pinoy. The Duchess turned away sharply to conceal something that reddened her cheeks through her fashionable hat, and Mother Shipton whispered Pinoy not to chatter. But when Mr. Oakhurst returned from a weary search for the trail he heard the sound of happy laughter echoed from the rocks. He stopped in some alarm, and his thoughts first naturally reverted to the whiskey, which he had recently coughed. "And yet it had somehow sound like whiskey," said the gambler. It was not until he caught the sight of the blazing fire through the slight blinding storm and the group around it that he settled to the conviction that it was "square fun."

PART II.

WHEN Mr. Oakhurst had cached his cards with the whiskey as something debarring the free access of the community I cannot say. It was certain that, in Mother Shipton's words, he "didn't say cards once" during that evening. Plainly the time was beguiled by an accordion produced somewhat reluctantly by Tom Shimson from his pack. Notwithstanding some dif-

ferences of that poem—having thoroughly mastered the argument and fairly forgotten the words—in the current vernacular of Sandy Bar. And so for the rest of that night the Homeric dominions again waited the earth. Trojans bulled and wily Greek wrestled in the winds, and the great piles in the canyon seemed to bow to the wrath of the son of Pelops. Mr. Oakhurst listened with quiet satisfaction. Most especially was he interested in the fate of "Achilles," as the innocent persisted in designating the "swift footed Achilles."

So with small food and much of Homer and the accordion a week passed over the heads of the outcasts. The sun again forecast them, and again from London skies the snowflakes were sifted over the land. Day by day closer around them drew the snowy circle until at last they looked from their prison over drifted walls of dazzling white that towered twenty feet above their heads. It became more and more difficult to replenish their fires, even from the fallen trees beside them, now half hidden in the drifts. And yet no one complained. The lovers turned from the dreary prospect and looked into each other's eyes and were happy. Mr. Oakhurst settled himself coolly to the losing game before him. The Duchess, more cheerful than she had been, assumed the care of Pinoy. Only Mother Shipton—once the strongest of the party—seemed to sicken and fade. At midnight on the tenth day she called Oakhurst to her side.

"I'm going," she said in a voice of querulous weakness, "but don't say anything about it. Don't waken the kids. Take the bundle from under my head and open it." Mr. Oakhurst did so. It contained Mother Shipton's ration for the last week, untouched. "Give 'em to the child," she said, pointing to the sleeping Pinoy. "You've starved yourself," said the gambler. "That's what they call it," said the woman querulously as she lay down again, and turning her face to the wall, passed quietly away.

The accordion and the bones were put aside that day, and humor was forgotten. When the body of Mother Shipton had been committed to the snow Mr. Oakhurst took the innocent aside and showed him a pair of snow shoes, which he had fashioned from the old pack maddie. "There's one chance in a hundred to save her yet," he said, pointing to Pinoy, "but it's there." He added, pointing toward Poker Flat. "If you can reach there in two days she's safe." "And you?" asked Tom Shimson. "I'll stay here," was the curt reply.

The lovers parted with a long embrace. "You are not going, too?" said the Duchess, as she saw Mr. Oakhurst apparently willing to accompany him. "As far as the canyon," he replied. He turned suddenly and kissed the Duchess, leaving her pallid face aflame and her trembling limbs rigid with amazement.

Night came, but not Mr. Oakhurst. It brought the storm again and the whirling snow. Then the Duchess, feeling the fire, found that some one had quietly piled beside the hut enough fuel to last a few days longer. The storm rose to her eyes, but she hid them from Pinoy.

The women slept but little. In the morning, looking into each other's faces, they read their fate. Neither spoke, but Pinoy, accepting the position of the stronger, drew near and placed her arm around the Duchess' waist. They kept this attitude for the rest of the day. That night the storm reached its greatest fury, and, rounding under the protecting pines, invaded the very hut.

Toward morning they found themselves unable to feed the fire, which gradually died away. As the embers slowly blackened the Duchess crept closer to Pinoy and broke the silence of many hours. "Pinoy, can you pray?" "No, dear," said Pinoy simply. The

duchess, without "knowing" exactly why, felt relieved, and, putting her hand upon Pinoy's shoulder, spoke no more. And so reclining, the younger and purer pillowing the head of her soiled sister upon her virgin breast, they fell asleep.

The wind lulled as if it feared to waken them. Feathered drifts of snow, shaken from the long pine boughs, flew like white winged birds and settled about them as they slept. The moon through the rifted clouds looked down upon what had been the camp. But all human stain, all trace of earthly travail, was hidden beneath the spotless mantle mercifully flung from above.

They slept all that day and the next, nor did they waken when voices and footsteps broke the silence of the camp. And when pitying fingers brushed the snow from their wan faces you could scarcely have told from the equal peace that dwelt upon them which was she that had sinned. Even the law of Poker Flat recognized this and turned away, leaving them still locked in each other's arms.

But at the head of the gulch, on one of the largest pine trees, they found the dense of clubs pinned to the bark with a bowie knife. It bore the following written in pencil in a firm hand:

Beneath this Tree
Lies the Body
of
JOHN OAKHURST,
Who Struck a Stroke of Bad Luck
on the 23d of November, 1850,
and
Handed in His Checks
on the 7th December, 1850.

And pinless and cold, with a Der-finger by his side and a bullet in his heart, though still calm as in life, beneath the snow lay he who was at once the strongest and yet the weakest of the outcasts of Poker Flat.

THE END.

ABE MARTIN



A religious war wouldn't be any harder on cathedrals. The quiet fellow has it out his words occasionally, but the usually predestinated.



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Dobbs—So you send your wife for a holiday for two months every summer? It's fine to have money!
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Dinner Stories

Mistress (indignantly)—Jane, whatever did you mean by wearing my low-necked evening dress at the bus drivers' ball last night? Really, you ought to have been ashamed of yourself!

Jane (meekly)—I was, mum. You never heard such remarks as they made.

Dr. Blomfield, a former bishop of London, was a widower with children. He married a widow with children and he had a family by his second wife. One day this lady rushed into the library and said in an excited tone: "Do come to the nursery; your children and my children are endeavoring to kill our children."

The little fellow was crying bitterly by the roadside, and the good, kind lady stopped and patted him gently on the head.

"Why, my little man, what's the matter?"

"Matter, mum? I have been playing truant all day, and I've just remembered the Christmas holidays began yesterday."

Mrs. Smith-Jones, taking a villa at Palm Beach, engaged for butler a stately old colored deacon.

"Now, Chay," she said to the old fellow, "there are two things I must

insist upon—truthfulness and obedience. Yes, madam," the venerable servant answered, "and when you bid me tell you guests you're out when you're in, which shall it be?"

"Sabotage."

Sabotage has been defined as "striking back staying on the payroll." It is the means taken by discontented workmen to interfere with the machinery of their employer's production, and if possible to force him to consider their demands without actually going on strike. Briefly, sabotage means poor work, done deliberately, with the definite purpose of causing the greatest possible annoyance to the employer.

Sympathy Misplaced.

Don't let yourself be carried away too quickly with sympathy for the under dog. You may find out that he was fool enough to start the fight.—Somerville Journal

NO REASON FOR IT

When Janesville Citizens Show a Way.

There can be no reason why any reader of this who suffers the tortures of an aching back, the annoyance of urinary disorders, the pains and dangers of kidney ills will fail to heed the words of a neighbor who has found relief. Read what a Janesville citizen says:

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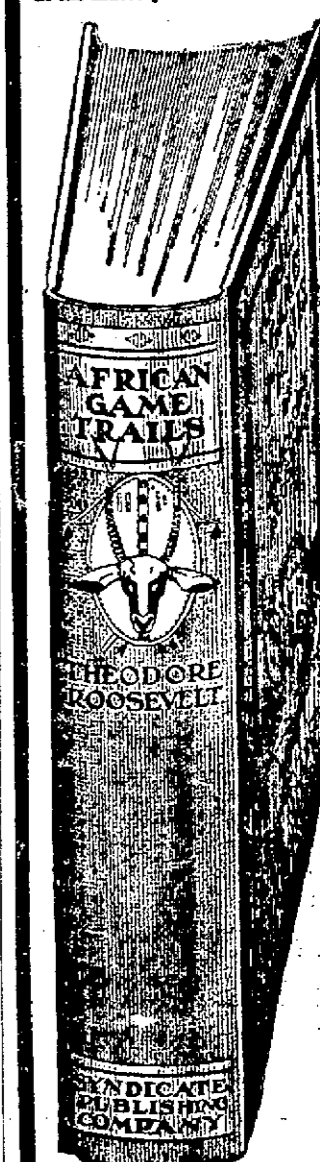
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Evansville News

Evansville, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Ann Christofferson Moe died Monday evening at her home here after a brief illness. She was born in Norway June 1878 and when three years of age came to the United States with her parents. They settled in Wisconsin, and when a young woman she entered the blind institute.

which place she held a responsible position for some time. She was married to Sever Moe of this city on Thanksgiving day, 1913. She leaves to mourn her loss, besides her husband, her mother, Mrs. M. Christofferson of Marinette, one brother, Colburn at Hibbing, Minn., and a brother Abraham in the west.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday afternoon at 10 o'clock at the Central cemetery at Cookville, Miss. Alice had entertained a large number of young lady friends at a pretty luncheon in honor of Minnie Ruth Hemingway, Tuesday afternoon, all reporting a very pleasant time.

Mrs. Gertrude Eager left yesterday for a three day visit in Chicago.

Mrs. Helen Hollesten returned to her home at Ravenfoot, Ill., yesterday after a visit at the Dr. Evans home.

Mr. R. H. Hemingway returned to Janesville last night after a several days visit here.

Mrs. J. M. Evans was a Janesville business visitor yesterday.

Mrs. Blanche Merrick and daughter Clara, were Janesville visitors yesterday.

G. H. Howard of Magnolia was a business visitor in the city yesterday.

There will be a meeting of the directors of the Big Rock Canning

David Andrews of Cainville was business visitor here yesterday. Jay Baldwin returned to Chicago yesterday after a visit with his family here. Marion Ames of Brooklyn was business visitor here yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Lewis have turned from a visit with relatives Albany. Albert Miller of Augusta, is a guest here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Baldwin attend the funeral of W. Stolte at Reed

MAKING A GOOD LAWN.

Plow and prepare land in the fall or late summer thoroughly as for garden, fertilizing with chemicals and rotted manure. Grade the lawn with a line before winter. In the spring regrade the surface, cultivating to exceed two inches deep; add 5 pounds per acre of the following mixture: 300 pounds nitrate of soda, 400 pounds muriate potash, 1,300 pounds acid rock, worked into the soil with



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January 2d. Every member is urged to attend.

Miss Ada McCoy of Evansville is leaving this week with relatives.

Rev. C. H. Hewitt and T. M. Harpner were Brodhead visitors Saturday.

RED CROSS FINANCES
TRIP OF RELATIVES
TO SEE WOUNDED MEN.

London, Dec. 30.—The British Red Cross has extended its activity to the financing of trips to the front for relatives of men lying seriously wounded in field of advance base hospitals. In the present, the privilege is restricted to one relative for each patient, and the seriousness of the patient's case must be proved.

**THE TORTURES
OF RHEUMATISM**


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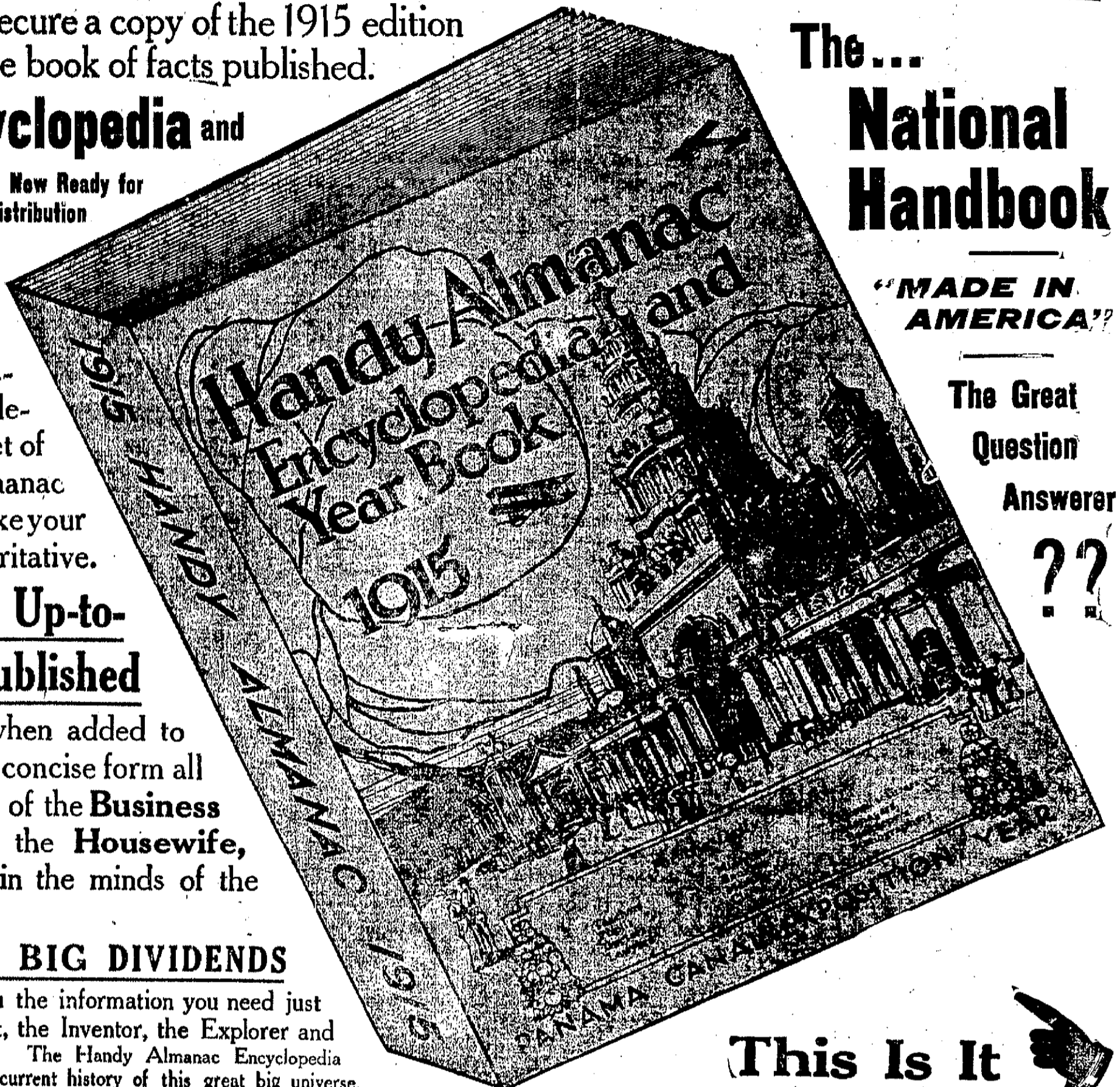
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